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Applicant: **Fitzhugh et al.**
Serial No.: **09/865,242**
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Title: **NITRIC OXIDE-RELEASING
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Docket No.: **17363-38**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for a two month extension of time for responding to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002, extending the statutory period of response from September 4, 2002 to November 4, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the extension fee in the amount of \$400 to Deposit Account 50-1901. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1901. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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